sent them for trial. In 2 cases the Court has convicted certain persons. One bank employee has been dismissed after departmental action.

Collapse of the deep sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh

1647. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team has been sent to Andhra Pradesh to examine the causes of the collapse of the deep-sea fishing industry there;

(b) whether it is a fact that numerous representations have been made on the state of fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh: and

(c) what are the reasons for neglecting a major source of employment in coastal Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) A team was sent to study the situation after reported stoppage of operations by some owners of deep sea fishing vessels.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government has taken a number of steps for development of the deep sea fishing industry. Various plan schemes have been formulated for providing assitance to deep sea fishing companies by way of interest subsidy on loans, equity participation, assistance for conversion of vessels for diversified fishing etc. Training of deep sea fishing vessel crew is being provided by Govt, through Central Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering Training and also on board foreign chartered vessels and vessels of Fishery Survey of India.

Letter of Intent of Punjab Agro-Pepsi-Voltas

1648. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1336 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether Punjab Agro-Pepsi-Voltas have fulfilled all the conditions as per the Letter of Intent given to them; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for allowing them to go ahead with soft drink and potato chips projects?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) M/s Pepsi Foods have indicated that they have already taken effective steps and have requested for conversion of the Letter of Intent into an Industrial Licence. The Government have not yet taken a decision in this regard.

Monitoring the export obligations of Pepsi Foods

1649. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the condition towards export obligation in respect of Pepsi Foods was that soft drinks will not be more than 25 per cent of the total turnover;

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to monitor the export obligation and the soft drink turnover; and

(c) whether the monitoring will be on an yearly basis from April to March or from January to December?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) One of the

conditions of the Letter of Intent granted to M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. is that the turnover from soft drink concentrate manufacturing shall in no year exceed 25 per cent of the total turnover of the company for that year.

(b) The export obligation will be monitored by the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports as in similar other cases. In regard to the turnover of soft drink the same will be monitored on the basis of the monthly production return which will be furnished by M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd.

(c) The monitoring will be on the basis of financial year i.e., April to March.

Suicide by a cotton grower in Andhra Pradesh

1650. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: WiU the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cotton grower by name Shri Vankayalapati Sitaramaiah. committed suicide on 10th April at Ansole in Prakasam district of Andhra pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and how many cotton growers in Prakasam and Guntur districts died of suicides; and

(c) what steps have been taken to relieve the cotton growers of Andhra from this unprecedented tragedy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that they have no information in this regard.

(c) Government of India appointed a High Power Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.D. Ojha, Deputy Governor of RBI to look into the problems of cotton growers of Prakasam and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh. Based on the recommendations of the High Power Committee, RBI had issued instructions in June, 1988 to scheduled comercial banks for providing relief to cotton growers in these two districts of Andhra Pradesh. Important relief measures recommended are:

(i) The banks as a special case should defer recovery of principal as well as interest from the affected farmers for a period of two years or till the next normal year whichever is earlier. This relief is to be extended on the merits of each case.

(ii) Banks should not charge penal interest nor should they compound the interest. Banks should also ensure that in the case of short term loans, the total interest payable by small and marginal farmers does not exceed the principal.

(iii) Banks should stop auctioning of gold ornaments pledged with them. Such action should be taken only as a last resort when all other avenues for recovery of dues have failed that too after obtaining clearance from higher levels in each case.

(iv) Banks may extend consumption loan facilities upto Rs. 500/- per family.

(v) Banks should sanction loans for allied activities like dairy, poultry, etc. to the affected fanners when demanded.

नेशनल इंश्यूरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड में हिन्दी अधिकारी

1651. श्री रजनी रंजन साहू: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नेशनल इंश्यूरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड में हिन्दी अधिकारियों से हिन्दी का काम न कराकर अन्य कार्य करवाया जा रहा है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि नेशनल इंश्यूरेंस कंपनी के उत्तर क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय में कार्यरत एक हिन्दी अधिकारी को हिन्दी विभाग से हटाकर कंपनी की शाहदरा स्थित शाखा में प्रबंधक के रूप में तैनात कर दिया गया था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार हिन्दी विरोधी रवैये के लिए अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?